

House Resolution 228

By: Representative Hudson of the 124th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Hickory Grove Missionary Baptist Church on the occasion
2 of their dedication service on January 11, 2009; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Hickory Grove Missionary Baptist Church has a rich and magnificent history
4 dating back to its formation in 1868; and

5 WHEREAS, the founding father of Hickory Grove Missionary Baptist Church was Reverend
6 Sam Byrd who was called to spread the word of God in 1865; and

7 WHEREAS, due to social practice of the time, Reverend Byrd, a member of Bethel Baptist
8 Church, was forced to worship in the rear of the church; and

9 WHEREAS, on March 14, 1866, Reverend Byrd, along with 20 other members of the Bethel
10 Baptist congregation, requested a dismissal from the church, which was granted on
11 September 15, 1868; and

12 WHEREAS, over the last 141 years, Hickory Grove Missionary Baptist Church has grown
13 to a phenomenal place of worship thanks to the dedicated and loyal service of its previous
14 pastors: Reverend Sam Byrd, Reverend G.K. Pinkston, Dr. Reverend C.D. Hubert, Reverend
15 A.B. Murden, Reverend T.J. Roberts, Reverend E.R. McClendon, Reverend R.E. Edwards,
16 Reverend J.A. Bryant, and Reverend L. Dante Smith; and

17 WHEREAS, in November, 2005, Pastor Michael Curry was united with the Hickory Grove
18 Missionary Baptist Church family, and his positive leadership style and Christian
19 mannerisms have allowed the church to thrive and expand; and

20 WHEREAS, with a mission of "The Capital Vision" in 2007 and "Vision of Victory," Pastor
21 Curry's guidance and direction have provided for a remarkable annex to the historic church;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, the great vision and accomplishments of the leadership and members of
24 Hickory Grove Missionary Baptist Church over the past 141 years are worthy of recognition.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body commend the great contributions of Hickory Grove Missionary
27 Baptist Church and congratulate its congregation on the celebration of their dedication
28 service.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
30 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Pastor Michael Curry.